

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following text for the pending claims of the same number.

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrical device comprising a mounting yoke for mounting said electrical device into an outlet box wherein said yoke comprises:
a first slotted mounting hole for receiving a first mounting screw comprising a first support rim;
a second slotted mounting hole for receiving a second mounting screw comprising a second support rim;
first ear that extends from a first end of said yoke;
second ear that extends from a second end of said yoke;
a first channel leading into said first slotted mounting hole through which said first mounting screw may be passed into said first mounting hole; and
a second channel leading into said second slotted mounting hole through which said second mounting screw may be passed into said second slotted mounting hole;
the width of said first channel is less than the maximum width of said first support rim; and
the width of said second channel is less than the maximum width of said second support rim ;and
said yoke is configured so that the surface of the yoke surrounding the perimeter of said first slotted mounting hole lies in substantially the same plane.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 2 wherein said first mounting screw further comprises an elongated post, a head positioned at one end of the elongated post and said first support rim is positioned along the elongated post at a predetermined distance from said head and in a plane that is substantially parallel to the plane in which said head lies; and
wherein said second mounting screw comprises an elongated post, a head positioned at one end of the elongated post and said second support rim positioned along the elongated post at a predetermined distance from said head and in a plane that is substantially parallel to the plane in which said head lies.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrical device comprising a mounting yoke for mounting said electrical device into an outlet box wherein said yoke comprises:
- a first slotted mounting hole for receiving a first mounting screw comprising a first support rim;
 - a second mounting hole for receiving a second mounting screw comprising a second support rim;
 - first ear that extends from a first end of said yoke;
 - second ear that extends from a second end of said yoke;
 - a first channel extending from an outer edge of said yoke and leading into said first slotted mounting hole and through which said first mounting screw may be passed into said first mounting hole;
 - a second channel extending from an outer edge of said yoke and leading into said second mounting hole and through which said second mounting screw may be passed into said second mounting hole;
 - a width of said first channel is less than the maximum width of said first support rim;
 - a width of said second channel is less than the maximum width of said second support rim; and
 - said yoke is configured so that the surface of the yoke surrounding the perimeter of said first mounting hole lies in substantially the same plane
- ~~said channel extends from an outer edge of said yoke into said slotted mounting hole.~~
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 2 wherein said first channel is positioned so as to open into said first slotted mounting hole; and
wherein said second channel is positioned so as to open into said second slotted mounting hole.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 4 wherein said first channel comprises a substantially enclosed opening; and wherein said second channel comprises a substantially enclosed opening.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 4 wherein said first channel comprises two walls that are substantially parallel to each other; and wherein said second channel comprises two walls that are substantially parallel to each other.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 4 wherein said first channel comprises two walls that converge inward from an outer edge of said mounting yoke into said first slotted mounting hole ; and wherein said second channel comprises two walls that converge inward from an outer edge of said mounting yoke into said second slotted mounting hole.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 6 wherein said first channel and said second channel is are generally circular in shape.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The electrical device of claim 9 wherein said first channel is configured so as to be large enough to accommodate the head of said first mounting screw; and wherein said second channel is configured so as to be large enough to accommodate the head of said second mounting screw .
11. (ORIGINAL) The electrical device of claim 2 wherein said electrical device comprises a receptacle.
12. (ORIGINAL) The electrical device of claim 2 wherein said electrical device comprises a switch.
13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrical device comprising:

a mounting yoke for mounting said electrical device into an outlet box;

said mounting yoke comprises:

first ear that extends from a first end of said yoke;

second ear that extends from a second end of said yoke;

first ~~slotted~~ mounting hole for receiving a first mounting screw; and

second mounting hole for receiving a second mounting screw;

first score line delineating a portion of the yoke that can be removed to form a first channel that extends from an outer edge of said yoke and opens into said first ~~slotted~~ mounting hole;

second score line delineating a portion of the yoke that can be removed to form a second channel that extends from an outer edge of said yoke and opens into said second mounting hole;

when said first portion is removed, said first channel is configured to receive a mounting screw and allow it to be passed into said first slotted mounting hole; and

when said second portion is removed, said second channel is configured to receive a mounting screw and allow it to be passed into said second ~~slotted~~ mounting hole.

16. (ORIGINAL) The electrical device of claim 15 further comprising an electrical receptacle.

17. (CANCELLED)

18. (ORIGINAL) The electrical device of claim 15 further comprising an electrical switch.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electrical device comprising:

mounting yoke for mounting said electrical device into an outlet box;

mounting screw for mounting said device into an outlet box;

said mounting screw comprises:

elongated post connected at one end to a head;

support rim positioned at a predetermined point along said elongated post

and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane in which said head lies;

said mounting yoke comprises:

a first mounting hole for receiving a first mounting screw comprising a first support rim;

a second mounting hole for receiving a second mounting screw comprising a second support rim;

first ear that extends from a first end of said yoke;

second ear that extends from a second end of said yoke;

~~mounting hole for receiving said mounting screw; and~~

channel configured to open into said slotted mounting hole to allow a mounting screw to be passed into said slotted mounting hole.

a first channel extending from an outer edge of said yoke and leading into said first mounting hole and through which said first mounting screw may be passed into said first mounting hole;

a second channel extending from an outer edge of said yoke and leading into said second mounting hole and through which said second mounting screw may be passed into said second mounting hole;

a width of said first channel is less than the maximum width of said first support rim;

a width of said second channel is less than the maximum width of said second support rim; and

said yoke is configured so that the surface of the yoke surrounding the perimeter of said first mounting hole lies in substantially the same plane.

20.(ORIGINAL)The electrical device of claim 19 further comprising an electrical switch.